

Washington - House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers and Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law Chairwoman Linda Sánchez issued the following statements in response to the apparent resignation of Michael A. Battle as Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys:

“Michael Battle’s resignation raises even more questions about the growing fallout from the firing of the U.S. Attorneys,” said Chairman Conyers. “Rest assured, we will do everything within our power to unearth the facts surrounding this matter, which calls into question the integrity of our system of law enforcement.”

“The wheels seem to be coming off the Bush Administration’s increasingly hollow defense of its decision to fire eight U.S. Attorneys,” said Chairwoman Sánchez. “The Administration’s explanation of Mr. Battle’s apparent resignation is as murky as everything else they have told us about this case. I look forward to hearing the testimony of the fired federal prosecutors so we can get closer to the truth of what happened.”